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Signed by: Kim Elfstrom

Dear Madam:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated May 10, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect without traverse Species III represented by Figures 4-20, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has found that claims 1, 3, 16, 18, 31, 33, 46, 48, 66, 68, 86, 88, 106, 108 and 109 are generic.

The claims readable on the provisionally elected species are: 1-7, 16-22, 31-37, 46-52, 66-72, 86-92 and 106-110. If claims 1, 3, 16, 18, 31, 33, 46, 48, 66, 68, 86, 88, 106, 108 and 109 are found allowable, claims 8-15, 23-30, 38-45, 53-65, 73-85 and 93-105 of the non-elected species should also be allowed as dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

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Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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